THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The percentage increase in area and production of Oil-seeds over 1985-86 is as follows:

	(Percent increase)		
	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Area .	15·1	19.8	26·2
Production	66·4	56·2	70·5

(b) During 1988-89, the total cultivable area was 184.71 million hectares out of which cultivated area under Oil-seeds was 21.89 million hectare i.e. 11.85 per cent.

(c) There was no gap betwen the oil-seeds production targets and actual production.

(lakh tonnes)

1988-89		1989-90		1990-91	
T	A	T	A	T	A
156·6	180·3	165·0	169·2	180·0	184·6

In fact production exceeds targets in all the three years.

(d) As a result of incentives given under Oilseeds Centrally Sponsored Schemes there has been rise in production as will be evident from the following:

Actual Production (lakh tonnes)

1985-86	108·32
(base year)	
1986-87	121.70
1987-88	126·55
1988-89	180·33
1989-90	169·24
1990-91	184.64

(e) A Centrally Sponsored Schemes i.e. Oilseeds Production Programmes is already under operation in 19 States and will be continued during VIII Plan. Oil-seeds are covered by the Mission mode approach under Technology Mission on Oil-seeds and Pulses. If the present tempo of development is maintained we are likely to be close to self-sufficiency at the end of VIII Plan.

कृषि में अधिक निवेश

4059. **डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :**

श्री रणजीत सिंह :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 28 फरवरी, 1992 के "दि हिन्दू" में "सर्वे स्टैसेस हायर फाम इन्वेस्टमेंट" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित किए गए महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्र, जैसे बारानी खेती पर बल देना, भूमि तथा जल अवक्रमण पर नियंत्रण, उत्पादन को प्रौद्योगिकियों में सुधार, भंडारण तथा विपणन, तिलहनों तथा दालों का उत्पादन, ऋण पद्धति को

बेहतर बनाना, कृषि का विविधिकरण, आठवीं योजना में कृषि विकास की नीति में प्रमुख हैं। कृषि विकास के लिए दिए गए बल को देखते हुए कृषि तथा ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के लिए अधिक निवेश की व्यवस्था करना आवश्यक है, जो संसाधन की उपलब्धता तथा इसके आवंटन पर निर्भर होगा।

Interaction between farmers and scientists

4060. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to evolve a scheme for ensuring greater interaction between the farmers and the scientists in a way as to ensure the backflow of research to the villages; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Sir, The Indian Council of Agricultural Research, through its first-line transfer of technology projects, has been promoting interaction between the farmer and scintists with a view to take scientific know-how to the villages. These projects include National Demonstrations in 48 Districts, Operational Research Projects in 152 Centres, Krishi Vigyan Kendras in 107 Districts, Lab to Land programme through 101 existing institutionsRcentres and Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes projects at 45 Centres.

Milk and milk products control order

4061. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to advance the date of imposition of the milk and milk products control order in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the exact date from which the order is proposed to be made effective and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the Government for promulgation of milk and milk prducts control order in Delhi.

(b) Does not arise, in view of reply at (a) above.

Cost of production of foodgrains

4062. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the cost of production of major foodgrains and crops during the last three years;

(b) what was the annual growth rate in the cost of production and procurement of rice; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to minimise the cost of production and increase productivity of these crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHAIDRAN): (a) The cost of production of major foodgrains and cash crops during the latest available years is given in Statement I. (*See* below).

(b) The growth rate (percentage increase) in cost of production for latest available years is given in Statement-II (*See* below). The growth rate in procurement of rice is given in Statement-III. (*See* below).

(c) The Government is seized with the problem of rising cost of production and all possible measures are being taken to cut the cost as well as improve the productivity of crops through use of appropriate technology and transfer of these technologies to farmers by efficient delivery of inputes and service. It may be stated that a number of component in cost of production such as irrigation